

REMEDICATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR

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GIS REGISTRY AVAILABLE

The GIS registry of closed remediation sites is now available. This geographic information system (GIS) registry shows contaminated sites that have been closed using natural attenuation to complete the groundwater cleanup. The RR program has approved case closure with residual contamination above the groundwater enforcement standards in ch. NR 140 at these sites. At this time not all of these sites have been added to the registry, so it should be used with caution. The registry can be located from the RR Program's main web page at www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/index.htm Use the "GIS" button located under the "Find Sites" button in the upper left. Please refer to the instructions for the system, and to the frequently asked questions, to help you get oriented to the system. We have developed this registry to implement rule revisions that we expect to become effective in October. These rule revisions would allow responsible persons to obtain closure of these sites without recording groundwater use restrictions with the deeds of all properties that have residual contamination above enforcement standards. Instead, the properties would appear on the internet-based GIS registry. For more information about the pending rule, please see our Regulations page on the web at http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/wi_regs/index.htm. You may also contact Pat McCutcheon at 608-275-3241 regarding the rule revisions. For questions or comments regarding the GIS registry, you may contact Tom Fass at 608-267-3532.

FAX FORM

The RR Program has revised and updated our Hazardous Substance Release Fax Notification form, Form 4400-225. This form can be used to notify DNR of potential and confirmed hazardous substance releases, in conformance with the hazardous substance discharge law (ss. 292.11, Wis. Stats.). Fax notifications can be sent 24 hours per day. Releases that pose an IMMEDIATE threat to public health and/or the environment should be called in to the spills hotline at 1-800-943-0003. For example, the fax notification form can be used for hazardous substance releases such as non-emergency leaking underground storage tank sites, or contamination discovered as part of a Phase II site assessment. A diesel spill from a roadside accident, however, should be reported by telephone using the spills hotline. The new form is on our web site at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/4400-225.pdf> If you have questions about the form, you may contact Carrie Rackey in our Northeast Regional Office, at 920-492-5842.

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